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(54) **REFRIGERATION LINE SET FITTING AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME TO JOIN REFRIGERATION LINES TO EACH OTHER**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A crimp fitting comprises a metal tube wall that forms both a cylindrical tube portion and an adjacent annular O-ring channel portion. The tube wall has a first wall thickness along the cylindrical tube portion and a second wall thickness along at least part of the O-ring channel portion. The second wall thickness is less than the first wall thickness. The cylindrical tube portion and O-ring channel are configured and adapted to encircle a cylindrical end portion of a tube when such end portion of the tube is inserted into the fitting.

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